

**Memo**

To: Government Administration & Elections Committee  
From: Robert J. Brothers, Jr., Executive Director  
Date: January 28, 2013  
Re: **SB 434**, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND E-GOVERNMENT, EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING CONTRACTS, A STATE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SETTLEMENTS BY THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER

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With the proposed change in Section 5 of this bill from a committee to "encourage the employment by the state of persons with disabilities" to one that "coordinate[s] state compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990" the Commission believes that a representative of CHRO should be an appointee to this committee.

We would suggest the following in lieu of the bill as drafted:

(a) For purposes of this section, "state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator" means the person appointed by the Governor to coordinate state compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. There is established a committee to [encourage the employment by the state of persons with disabilities] advise the state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator. The [Commissioner of Administrative Services] state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator shall appoint the members of the committee, which shall be chaired by [such commissioner] said coordinator, or his designee, and include at least one representative of each of the following:

- (1) The Board of Education and Services to the Blind;
- (2) The Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired;
- (3) The Department of Rehabilitation Services; [.]
- (4) The Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities;
- (5) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services;
- (6) The Department of Developmental Services; [and]
- (7) The Labor Department;
- (8) The Department of Construction Services; and
- (9) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.